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- 1. I PHONED VOGEL AT HIS EAST BERLIN OFFICE MAY 26 AND SAID I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY IN VIENNA. I SAID THAT COPAKEN WOULD ALSO BE PRESENT AT OUR MEETING.
- 2. WHEN VOGEL HEARD THAT COPAKEN WOULD BE INCLUDED, HE REACTED BY SAYING THAT HE WAS "STANDING IN FRONT OF A WALL" BECAUSE HE COULD SAY NOTHING NEW ON THE MATTER (HE MEANT SHADRIN OBVIOUSLY). HE ADDED THAT ON HIS SIDE "THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO," MEANING, I UNDERSTOOD, THAT THERE WAS NO DISPOSITION TO DISCUSS OR NEGOTIATE ON SHADRIN AND NO AUTHORIZATION FOR HIM TO DO SO. VOGEL SAID HE WAS SORRY THIS WAS SO, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE HE COULD SAY ON THE BASIS OF HIS SOUNDINGS. HE SAID HE WOULD, NEVERTHELESS, RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN WITH HIS PRINCIPLES TO OBTAIN AN UP-TO-DATE REACTION. BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS HE WOULD NOT SECRET

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BE ABOVEL TO DO THIS UNTIL NEXT WEEK. HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME THEREAFTER.

3. WE DISCUSSED (WITHOUT MENTIONING SHADRIN BY NAME) COPAKEN'S POINT THAT SHADRIN MUST BE DEALTH WITH EXCLUSIVELY BETWEEN VOGEL AND HIM. VOGEL SAID THIS WAS NOT WHAT HE HAD TOLD COPAKEN. HIS POINT HAD BEEN

THAT IT WAS INCORRECT TO DOUBLE-TRACK THE CASE IN U.S.-RUSSIAN OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND AT THE SAME TIME THROUGH THE LAWYERS. IT SHOULD BE EITHER ONE THING OR THE OTHER, NOT BOTH SIMULTANEOULSY. VOGEL MADE IT CLEAR THAT FROM HIS VIEWPOINT THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO MY PARTICIPATION IN EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN THROUGH THE LAWYERS.

4. I DID NOT ALLUDE IN ANY WAY TO THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR NEW APPROACH, THE CHILEAN OFFER TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS WITH THE RUSSIANS. HOWEVER, VOGEL WOULD INFER FROM THE FACT I CALLED HIM THAT WE HAD SOMETHING OF INTEREST TO RAISE.MEEHAN

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